Allocations under On-Farm Water Management

1052. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Agriculture has allocated Rs. 115 crore during the current financial year for On-Farm Water Management for increasing crop production in the Eastern States; and

(b) if so, the details regarding allocation to each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) the details are enclosed as Statement.

Statement

Financial allocation under the Centrally sponsored scheme of "On-Farm Water Management for increasing crop production in Eastern India" for the year 2002-2003

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	States	Financial allocation (GOI share)
1.	Assam	8.97
2.	Bihar	41.40
3.	Jharkhand	12.25
4.	Chhattisgarh	5.37
5.	Orissa	13.80
6.	Eastern UP.	19.17
7.	West Bengal	9.20
8.	Arunachal Pradesh	1.73
9.	Manipur	1.73
10.	Mizoram	1.38
	TOTAL	115.00

Technology Mission on Horticulture

1053. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Technology Mission on Integrated Development of

Horticulture is being planned for other States, particularly Andhra Pradesh, besides the North-Eastern States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) The Technology Mission for Development of Horticulture is being implementing in Northern Eastern States including Sikkim as a part of the package announced by Hon'ble Prime Minister for socio-economic development of these States. Similarly, a Technology Mission for development of horticulture in the State of Jammu and Kashmir is also being considered as a part of the package announced by Hon'ble Prime Minister for the State. As such this Ministry is not considering Technology Mission on Horticulture in other States/UTs, including Andhra Pradesh. However, States/UTs have been taking up Horticulture Development Programmes under Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Macro Management in Agriculture-Supplementation/ Complementation of States efforts through work plan" which provides them greater flexibility to take up the programmes as per their needs.

Agricultural Marketing Reforms

1054. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the inter-Ministerial Task Force on agricultural marketing reforms has, in its report submitted recently, recommended sweeping amendments in the marketing laws, to allow the private sector to operate the agricultural markets, legalise contract farming, etc.; and

(b) if so, the details of the major recommendations of the Task Force and the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b)The inter-Ministerial Task Force on Agricultural Marketing Reforms presented its Report to the Government on 28.6.2002. Major recommendations of the Task Force include:

i. Promotion of competitive agricultural market in private and cooperative sector, direct marketing and contract farming